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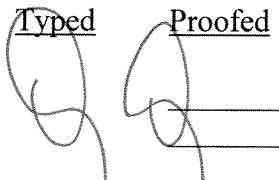
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2009-11 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

- Topic: Female Offender Reintegration Program Repeal
- Tracking Code: *BBO419*
- SBO team: Health and Insurance
- SBO analyst: Sue Jablonsky
 - Phone: 7-9546
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- Agency acronym: DHS
- Agency number: 435
- Priority (Low, Medium, High): High

Intent: Repeal 46.48(11m) for the female offender reintegration program since it has not proven effective. See attached paper.

Female Offender Reintegration Program

Decision Needed

Should the Department request a statutory language change to repeal the Female Offender Reintegration Program beginning in FY10?

Background

- The Female Offender Reintegration Program was intended to provide services to facilitate the client's successful reintegration back into the community and reunification with their children after prison release. The program was intended to provide treatment for substance abuse and helps clients find suitable housing and employment. Each client was assigned a recovery support coordinator (RSC) who worked with the parole agent and AODA treatment staff. The design also intended that children of women in the program would receive mental health assessments and treatment if needed.
- A multitude of agencies were involved: Milwaukee County, St. Rose Youth and Family Center (children's visits), St. Charles Youth and Family Services (recovery support coordinators), Department of Family Services' Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare, Department of Corrections, Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center, and community substance abuse treatment providers.
- Key findings from a 2008 evaluation conducted by DHS' Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget include:
 - As of December 31, 2007, only 88 women had received FOREP services.
 - Only 21.6% of enrollees actually received monthly visits from their children during prison to facilitate family reunification,
 - Only three children from one family received any mental health assessment and/or treatment.
 - The program had problems retaining clients following prison release.
 - Only 65% of the study population received any substance abuse treatment.
- Generally, the poor performance of the program can be attributed to several factors:
 - The overall structure of the program is complex and relies on a multitude of agencies to effectively coordinate services for the family. This structure has not been successfully administered.

- Both the women and children were not receiving intended assessment or treatment services because of provider issues (coordination/lack of access).
 - The women generally did not receive treatment services beyond six months even though the program budgeted funding for 12 months.
 - Women dropped out of the program prematurely.
- The potential savings to the state is \$106,400 GPR per year or \$212,800 GPR over the 2009-11 biennium.

Current Language

46.48(11m)

(11m) Female offender reintegration program.

Proposed Change

46.48(11m)

Repeal all language related to the Female Offender Reintegration Program beginning July 1, 2009

Desired Effective Date:	Upon passage
Agency:	DHS
Agency Contact:	Donna Moore
Phone:	266-8156



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